

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re	:
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SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i>,	:
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Debtors.¹	:
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Chapter 11
Case No. 18-23538 (RDD)
(Jointly Administered)

**AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF TIMOTHY W. DEGROOTE,
ON BEHALF OF SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION**

STATE OF INDIANA)
) s.s.:
COUNTY OF ALLEN)

Timothy W. DeGroote, being duly sworn, upon his oath, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am an attorney of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros, located at 803 S. Calhoun Street, 9th Floor, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46802 (the "**Firm**").
2. Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), have

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requested that the Firm provide civil defense litigation services to the Debtors, and the Firm has consented to provide such services (the “**Services**”).

3. The Services include, but are not limited to, the following: defending Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, including Kmart Corporation in various civil lawsuits pending in Indiana.

4. The Firm may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. As part of its customary practice, the Firm is retained in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different parties, some of whom may represent or be claimants or employees of the Debtors, or other parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases. The Firm does not perform services for any such person in connection with these chapter 11 cases. In addition, the Firm does not have any relationship with any such person, such person’s attorneys, or such person’s accountants that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be retained.

5. Neither I, nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than principals and regular employees of the Firm.

6. Neither I nor any principal of, or professional employed by the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest materially adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be retained.

7. As of the commencement of this chapter 11 case, the Debtors owed the Firm \$11,474.59 in respect of prepetition services rendered to the Debtors.


8. The Firm is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of this inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, if the Firm should discover any facts bearing on the matters described herein, the Firm will supplement the information contained in this Affidavit.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Affidavit and Disclosure Statement was executed on 12-7, 2018, at 9:00 AM.



Timothy W. DeGroote, Managing Partner
Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before
Me this 7th day of December, 2018


Notary Public

HOLLY A. RIDER, Notary Public
Allen County, State of Indiana
Commission #676541
My Commission Expires December 16, 2023

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RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED by Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”).

All questions **must** be answered. Please use “none,” “not applicable,” or “N/A,” as appropriate. If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page and attach.

1. Name and address of professional:

HUNT SUEDHOFF KALAMAROS, 803 S. Calhoun Street, 9th Floor Fort Wayne, IN

46802, including Managing Partner, Timothy W. DeGroote, Lyle R. Hardman (Partner),

Jeremy D. Lemon (Associate Attorney)

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2. Date of retention: Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP has been defending Sears and its affiliates for over 15 years.

3. Type of services to be provided:

Civil defense litigation in both Indiana State and Federal Courts. Currently, Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP is defending 6 matters for Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates.

4. Brief description of services to be provided:

General civil defense litigation, including preparation of pleadings, dispositive motions, discovery, including answers and serving discovery, obtaining and analyzing medical and employment records, participating in mediations, pre-trial motions and filings and trials.

5. Arrangements for compensation (hourly, contingent, etc.):

Hourly

(a) Average hourly rate (if applicable): \$125/hour Partner; \$120/hour Associate;
\$75/hour Paralegal

(b) Estimated average monthly compensation based on prepetition retention (if company was employed prepetition):

\$2,500/month

6. Prepetition claims against the Debtors held by the company:

Amount of claim: \$11,474.59

Date claim arose: October 14, 2018

Nature of claim: Attorney fees and costs associated with defense of debtor and affiliates

7. Prepetition claims against the Debtors held individually by any member, associate, or employee of the company:

Name: N/A

Status: _____

Amount of claim: \$ _____

Date claim arose: _____

Nature of claim: _____

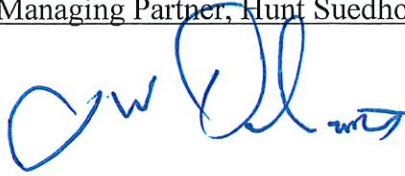
8. Disclose the nature and provide a brief description of any interest adverse to the Debtors or to their estates for the matters on which the professional is to be employed:

None

9. Name and title of individual completing this form:

Timothy W. DeGroote, Esq. (Managing Partner, Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP)

Dated: 12.7, 2018

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy W. DeGroote", with a stylized flourish at the end.